



## McCULLY/MO'ILI'ILI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 8

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### **DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016**

### **WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ron Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Quorum was not **established with 5 members present**. Note: this 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

**Board Members Present:** Tamara Edwards (arrived at 6:37 p.m.), Juanita Kawamoto, Bryan Choe, Klement Kondratovich, Matthew Gonser (appointed at this meeting), Ron Lockwood, David Nash (arrived at 6:44 p.m.), Timothy Streitz (arrived at 6:47 p.m.), Marijane Carlos, Emmanuel Zibakalam (arrived at 6:37 p.m.).

**Board Members Absent:** Thomas Tomita, Larie Manutai, Jay Yano and Antonia Agbannawag.

**Guests:** Captain Station 29 Kahekili Kealoha (Honolulu Fire Department); Sergeant Clinton Corpuz (Honolulu Police Department, District 1); Sergeant Allen Ishida (Honolulu Police Department, District 7); Carolee Kubo (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative); Councilmember Ann Kobayashi; Senator Les Ihara Jr.; Raytan Vares (Senator Brickwood Gaulteria); Lindsey Allred (Representative Della Au Bellati's Office) Kevin Wang (Representative Scott Nishimoto's Office); Sandee Fulton (Kalakaua Vista); Baro Hudman (Common Sense); Ed and Joan King (Ala Wai Sunrise); Eric Tessera (Laconia Development LLC); Clifton Takamura, Janet Inamine, Kathy Uehara, Larke Golaski, Joel Tomy, Laura Ruby, Tony D.H. Ji, Roy Nakamura (Residents); videographer Zoe (DVDmodo); and Sam Wolff (Neighborhood Commission Office).

**Rules:** At this time, Chair Lockwood read the Board rules as stated on the agenda.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY LIAISON**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD):** No representative was available:

**Honolulu Police Department (District 1):** Sergeant Clinton Corpuz distributed a handout and reported the following:

- **February 2016 Statistics:** There were 4 motor vehicle thefts, 2 burglaries, 21 thefts, 6 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV), 4 assaults, 0 sexual assaults, 0 graffiti, 0 drugs, and 484 total calls for service.
- **Safety Tips – Automated Teller Machine (ATM):** Please utilize an ATM inside of a business whenever possible and try to avoid street ATMs during the night. Please be aware of suspicious vehicles and people in the area. Have an ATM card available before using the machine. Do not have any personal information on the card and leave the code out of sight. Secure the money at the ATM and try not to withdraw large amounts at one time. If a robber asks for the money, do not argue and note the robber's description. Try to escape as soon as possible.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Location of Incidents:** Kawamoto asked and Corpuz responded that the data is compiled from the whole district. For more specific area information please visit [www.honolulu.gov](http://www.honolulu.gov).
2. **Thefts Outside of Washington Middle School:** Chair Lockwood noted that there are people that linger outside that like to burglarize attendees of the meetings.
3. **Homeless:** Resident Nakamura noted that the high cost of living will create more homeless and create more crime. Nakamura further suggested to solve the problem with a tent city at Sand Island.

Zibakalam and Edwards arrived at 6:37 p.m. **Seven (7) members were present.**

**Honolulu Police Department (District 7):** Sergeant Allen Ishida distributed a handout and reported the following:

- **February 2016 Statistics:** There were 6 motor vehicle thefts, 7 burglaries, 31 thefts, 7 unauthorized entries of motor vehicles (UEMV), and 6,479 total calls for service.
- **ATM Safety Tip:** A handout was distributed on ATM safety.

Nash arrived at 6:44 p.m. **Eight (8) members were present.**

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Ala Wai Promenade Homeless: Carlos stated that the Ala Wai promenade bushes were trimmed back and there are much fewer homeless.
2. Bicycle Theft: Nash commented that underneath the pedestrian bridge by Isenberg Street on the mauka side of the freeway and behind Ala Wai park near the canoe club there appears to be people running a bicycle theft operation.
3. ATM Thefts: Takamura inquired and Ishida responded that the tips provided tonight places the responsibility on the citizens to utilize caution. It is impossible for the police to monitor all of the ATMs and ensure constant safety.
4. Burglary or Theft: Kawamoto asked and Ishida responded that a theft is the stealing of property and a burglary involves a location that has been entered unlawfully with a crime committed.

Streitz arrived at 6:47 p.m. **Nine (9) members were present.**

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD: Chair Lockwood asked for volunteers to fill the vacancy:

- Matthew Gonser: Gonser, a previous McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No.8 member, offered to fill the vacancy and stated that he has lived in the district for four (4) years.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Occupation: Carlos asked and Gonser responded that he works at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and focuses on community planning and design.

- Clifton Takamura: Takamura ran during the past neighborhood board election and was a board member in 1997. Once elected, Takamura would like to participate in the activities that he was involved with previously

Zibakalam moved for a recess at 6:55 p.m.

Chair Lockwood reconvened the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Zibakalam moved to accept Takamura as a candidate and Kawamoto seconded

**The McCully/Moiliili Neighborhood Board No.8 APPOINTED Matthew Gonser to fill the vacancy, 8-1-0 (AYE: Carlos, Choe, Edwards, Kondratovich, Lockwood, Nash, Streitz, and Zibakalam; NAY: Kawamoto; ABSTAIN: None).** After the Neighborhood Assistant verified Gonser's residency, the Oath of Office was administered. **10 members present**

Three (3) Absences Notice for Jay Yano: Chair Lockwood commented that a three (3) absences letter will be sent to Yano and his membership on the Board will be deliberated on at the April 2016 meeting.

Governor David Ige's Representative: No representative was present; Bryan Choe offered to relay comments back to Governor Ige's Office.

Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL): Choe is still awaiting a response for Chair Lockwood regarding the Bowl-o-Drome.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Refugees: Carlos asked and Choe will get more information as to what Governor Ige's position is on refugees coming to Hawaii and how the initiative will be funded.
2. Refugee Increase: Takamura asked and Choe responded that he will get more information on what the Governor will do if there is an increase in displaced people.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Director Carolee Kubo of the City Department of Human Resources (DHR) reported the following:

- Beretania Street Paving: The Beretania Street paving should be completed by July 2016.
- Abandoned Vehicles: Nash sent an email and HPD was notified in regards to abandoned vehicles taking up available parking. Vehicles were towed with expired license plates or registration. Nash commented that there was a relief and the person who stores multiple vehicles has moved them down the road.
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Meeting: A TOD meeting regarding Ala Moana will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at Washington Middle School at 6:30 p.m.
- McCully Bridge Planters: The plants on the McCully Bridge in the planters were trimmed back by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). There is also a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to improve the bridge and remove the old and broken planters.
- Title VI Program Report Meeting: On Friday, April 8, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mission Memorial meeting room, there will be a Department of Transportation Services Public Transit Division (DTS-PTD) meeting on the Title VI report.

Every three (3) years, DTS-PTD is required to file a plan with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on public access to public transportation.

- Yellow Flashing Lights: Lindsay Allred from Representative Au Belatti's office and Kubo got a response from DTS stating that the reason no walking man is present with the blinking lights is because there is no stoplight. Audio will not be installed because it may imply a right of way to the pedestrians and that drivers are required to stop.
- Bus Bench at Corner of Phillips Street and Kalakaua Avenue: A concrete bench was placed at the bus stop on Friday, February 26, 2016

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Right of Way in Crosswalk: Zibakalam asked and Kubo replied that pedestrians do have the right away but drivers are not required to stop because it is not a stoplight.
2. McCully Bridge Planters: Tomyi commented that the bougainvillea were trimmed too far back and will have to re-bloom.
3. Tree Growing out of Bridge: Tomyi noted that there is a tree growing out of the bridge by the Convention Center and the Landmark. Tomyi will send photos to Kubo to follow up.

Board of Water Supply (BWS): No representative was present and no report was available. Chair Lockwood stated that the Kapiolani project is set to be completed in April 2016, however, Representative Nishimoto's report states that it will be completed in the summer of 2016.

University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa: No representative was present and no report was available.

#### REPORT ON MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS:

- Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St.Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 Meeting: Chair Lockwood attended the Thursday, February 11, 2016 meeting.
- Librarian of the Year, Jan Kamiya Ceremony: Chair Lockwood, on February 18, 2016, attended the ceremony where Jan Kamiya was named Librarian of the year and will be recognized as the Librarian of the year. More than 250 students now have a library card because of Kamiya.
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) CAC Meeting: Chair Lockwood stated that at the Wednesday, February 24, 2016 meeting a draft regional transportation plan for the year 2040 was distributed.
- Legislative Town Hall Meeting: Chair Lockwood and Kawamoto attended the Wednesday, February 24, 2016 Town Hall Meeting. Kawamoto stated that there was a good turnout from the community but there are some re-occurring issues such as the Bowl-o-Drome, Ala Wai Bridge, University Square, bicycles, Bill 84 and four (4), and the Ala Wai Golf Course. Chair Lockwood noted that there were 75 people at the meeting.
- Homeless Work Group: No report was given.

#### RESIDENTS' CONCERNS:

- Bridge Over Ala Wai Canal: Edward King, a resident of at 555 University Avenue, is discouraged from walking because of the additional distance require to get into Waikiki. King requests a low bridge for walkers and bikers to get across the Ala Wai. King further noted that there are additional reasons such as emergency situations to further consider this. Carlos clarified that the Ala Wai Manor is in support of the bridge. Nakamura stated that the bridge would conflict with the paddlers, there would be an accumulation of debris, that dredging would be more difficult, and that he is opposed to the bridge. Joan King stated that she suggests there is a way to develop a bridge where dredging is still feasible and that there are health and environmental benefits to creating a pedestrian bridge. King further urged the Board to adopt a resolution in support of the bridge. Laura Ruby stated she is against the bridge and that it is a pathway to crime and noise and suggested placing the bridge over by the golf course. E. King further stated that the greater benefits have to be more considered such as the health and environmental benefits.
- Children Playing During the Night at Washington Middle School: Uehara stated that every night there appears to be young kids playing in the school until late at night and there may be runaways that are living on campus. Uehara further noted that during the holidays the issue is worse. Uehara also stated that there is an increase in robberies that may be caused by teenagers.
- Edwards Announcement: Those interested in discussing the Ala Wai Bridge can attend the Parks Committee meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in room 102 at the Moiliili Community Center.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: No representative was present. A report was distributed.

Representative Della Au Bellati: No representative was present. A report was distributed.

Representative Scott Nishimoto: No representative was present. A report was distributed.

Representative Scott Saiki: No representative was present. No report was distributed.

Senator Brickwood Galuteria: No representative was present. A report was distributed.

Senator Les Ihara Jr.: No representative was present. No report was distributed.

Senator Brian Taniguchi: No representative was present. No report was distributed.

## PRESENTATIONS

Hawaiian Electric (HECO) Moving of Power Line from Kamoku Street to under the Ala Wai Canal: Chris Tsui from HECO reported the following:

- Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Dredging Scheduled for 2018: HECO needs to relocate the power lines under the Ala Wai Canal before the dredging occurs. The plans are in the preliminary stage and HECO would like to relocate the cables with as little disruption to the community and their customers as possible. A draft of the plans will be released in the fall of 2016.
- Overview of Proposed Project Location: There is a substation on Kaiolu Street where a power line that goes under ground and connects to a utility pole on Hihiwai Street.
- Horizontal Directional Drilling: HECO is proposing to install cables underneath the canal and come up on the community park side where the lines would be run through.
- Phase 1: Phase 1 will begin in 2017 and underground cable will be first placed from the substation to Kalaimoku Street where the drill will be set up. Engineering studies have revealed that there are existing conduits along University Avenue meaning that digging will not be necessary along University Avenue. Once the newly installed power line is energized, the old power line can be removed. There will be a noise impact but no excavation is required. Currently, the project is in the Environmental Assessment (EA) phase.
- Community Updates: Once the final plan is completed, HECO will return to the Board and to hold public meetings.
- Ala Wai Bridge: Community members asked HECO if they would be willing to install their cables underneath the bridge, however, HECO is currently on schedule to remove the cables out of the Ala Wai Canal before the dredging begins. HECO is open to the idea of cost-sharing for the bridge construction.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

- Path of Cable: Carlos asked and Tsui responded that they are beginning the drilling where they are to prevent the risk of popping up on the school grounds or the community gardens.
- Cost Savings: Nash asked and Tsui responded that the cost would be \$15 million. Nash further inquired as to what the cost savings would be for placing the cables underneath the bridge.
- Possible Alternatives: Streitz asked and Tsui stated that another alternative would be to go across the McCully Bridge, however, that alternative would be the most impactful to the community.
- Temporary Installation: Zibakalam inquired and Tsui responded that HECO would need additional information on the bridge before determining if utilizing the bridge for the cables is a viable long-term solution. Tsui further stated that a temporary solution is not feasible because it may jeopardize the reliability of electric service.
- Ala Wai Watershed Project: Tomyl asked and Tsui responded that HECO is in coordination with Ala Wai Watershed project.
- Golf Course: Ruby suggested placing the cable through the golf course because it does not affect the residents and local schools.
- Hard Date: King asked and Tsui responded that no specific date has been given but the project will be completed by late 2018.
- Power Reliability in McCully-Moiliili Area: Takamura asked and Tsui responded that overall reliability will not be affected in the area.
- Partners in Project: Nash asked and Tsui responded that HECO is working with Department of Transportation Services (DTS), The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), The Department of Design and Construction (DCC), and The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP).
- 46 Kilovolt Cable: Vares asked and Tsui responded that he does not have specific information on the customers served by the cable or the number of them.
- Upgrade to Cable: Edwards asked and Tsui responded that the same voltage cable will be installed.

South King Street and Isenberg Street Complete Streets: Erron Redoble, Project Engineer, with City and County of Honolulu presented the following:

- Project Overview: Bulb outs will be installed at the intersection of South King Street and Isenberg Street. The principal idea of a bulb out is to reduce the speed of vehicles executing a turn at the intersection. It is intended to protect bicyclists and pedestrians while also reducing the crossing distance. There will be no impact to existing parking. The cost for the project is \$52,000 and is scheduled to begin in April 2016 and if everything goes well the project will last for one (1) month.
- Bulb Out Composition: The bulb outs are constructed out of asphaltic concrete pavement and will be painted white.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Motivation for Project: Zibakalam asked and Redoble responded that this was a Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Complete Streets policy implementation.
2. Colored Pavement: Redoble further added that the pavement will be colored red to match the color of the baseball field.
3. Primary Purpose: Nash asked and Redoble responded that the primary goal is to protect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Zibakalam further asked and Redoble responded that the project equally is geared towards all forms of transportation.
4. Signage: Edwards asked and Redoble responded that currently there will not be any signage to notify bicyclists or pedestrians.
5. Accidents and Near Accidents: Chair Lockwood commented that there have been many accidents or near accidents at the intersection.
6. Current Examples: Kawamoto asked and Redoble responded that this will be the first example on the island of Oahu.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moped Noise Working Group: Chair Lockwood presented the proposed Charter amendments relating to the Neighborhood Board system:

Charter Commission: Chair Lockwood commented that the only item moving forward is item 89 which changes the Executive Secretary's title to Executive Director and it has been sent to the Style Committee.

Ala Wai Watershed Project: Chair Lockwood stated the project has gone to Washington and will be reported in *Newsweek*.

University Square Project: No update

## NEW BUSINESS

Political Activity of Board Members: The Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) notified the Board members that campaigning is not allowed while representing a Neighborhood Board.

Question, concerns, and comments followed: Other Organizations: Kawamoto asked and Lockwood responded that if board members are a part of other organizations, board members need to be sure that you are representing the organization and not the Neighborhood Board.

Conference of Chairs: Chair Lockwood stated that on Saturday, April 9, 2016 the Conference of Chairs will be held at Aloha Tower. Zibakalam will be attending as well.

Recess: Chair Lockwood noted there is one more recess that can be taken.

Candidate Forum: Chair Lockwood entertained the idea of forming a Permitted Action Group (PIG) to schedule a candidate forum. No Board members volunteered.

Washington Middle School Fun Fest: Chair Lockwood would like to set up a booth and do a survey on neighborhood issues. Edwards volunteered to participate.

Moiliili Summer Fest: Resident Ruby commented that on Saturday, July 2, 2016 and Sunday, July 3, 2016 the Moiliili Summer Fest will be held. Chair Lockwood commented that between 5,000 and 7,000 people attend.

#### HOUSEKEEPING

- Bulky Item Pick-up: The Bulky Item Pick-up is the 3rd Monday of each month. For the Bulky Item Schedule see [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org)
- Kaimuki High Theater: *Once on this Island* will be shown on Friday, March 4, 2016 and Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at Kaimuki High Theater. Tickets will be available 30 minutes before curtain.
- Caregiver Conference: The conference will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at JCCH, Manoa Ballroom from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Register at: [pure.interiors@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:pure.interiors@hawaii.rr.com)
- Washington Middle School Chess Team: The team continues to capture 1st place and won the Martin Luther King & President's Day tournaments). The story was featured on KITV and the team meets Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m..
- South Beretania Repaving Project: The project has once again started on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, and is scheduled to be completed in four (4) months.
- Mo'ili'ili Community Center: The Annual Fundraiser Dinner on will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at JCCH. Call 955 – 1557 for details/tickets. The deadline is Tuesday, March 15, 2016.
- 50th Anniversary of Vietnam Conflict: The State is looking for people who served in Vietnam to participate in 50th Anniversary of Vietnam Conflict events. One of these events will be held on Friday, March 25, 2016.
- The Honolulu Zoo: On Saturday, March 5, 2016, The Honolulu Zoo will be celebrating Wildlife Conservation Day.
- Mele on the Rooftop: Mele on the Rooftop will be held at the Convention Center on Saturday, March 26, 2016.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 4, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes:

**The February 4, 2016 minutes were APPROVED as amended, 9-0-1 (AYE:** Carlos, Choe, Edwards, Kawamoto, Kondratovich, Lockwood, Nash, Streitz, and Zibakalam; **NAY:** None; **ABSTAIN:** Gonser). Corrections included the following: Page 4: Under Dianna's design in the last sentence the word "move" should be replaced with "movie".

TREASURERS REPORT: Carlos read the financial statement and reported the monthly expenditure totaled \$39.05 with a remaining balance of \$244.02.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Noise Committee: Streitz stated the House Bill (HB) 1753 was passed out of its third committee and will be heading to the Senate. Senate Bill (SB) 2736 will be receiving a joint hearing. In the City Council, Bill 83 is deferred and if passed out of committee will go to its third and final hearing. Chair Lockwood stated that Bill 83 was deferred pending State action.

Parks and Gardens: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2016 at the McCully Community Center at 6:30p.m. in room 102.

Social Media: No report was given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Lockwood announced the following: Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of the McCully-Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Washington Middle School cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted By: Sam Wolff, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed By: Rise Doi, Public Relations  
Reviewed and Finalized By Chair Lockwood